

C A M P A I G N F O R ACCOUNTABILITY

February 9, 2018

By Email: dhsdphopenrecordsrequests@dhs.wisconsin.gov

Karen McKeown, Administrator
Division of Public Health
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
1 West Wilson Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Re: Wisconsin Public Records Request

Dear Administrator McKeown,

Campaign for Accountability (“CfA”) makes this request for public records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics, and including electronic records and information, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.31 *et seq.*

Specifically, CfA seeks copies of all solicitations, grant proposals, grant agreements, reimbursement requests, and/or purchase orders pertaining to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Pregnancy Counseling Program. This request is for records from July 1, 2015 to the present.

By way of background, the Department of Health Services awards grants to individuals and organizations to provide pregnancy counseling services pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 253.08. The legislature has appropriated \$69,100 per year to the program for fiscal years 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.¹

If it is your position that any portion of the records requested is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.36, please provide a written notice indicating the basis for that determination. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b). If a requested record contains material that is exempt from disclosure as well as material that is not exempt, please produce the portions of the record that are not exempt. Wis. Stat. § 19.36(6).

CfA is a non-profit organization and seeks the requested information primarily to benefit the general public. Furnishing copies of these records will allow CfA to inform and educate the public about state funding received by a private organization. Accordingly, CfA requests that the information be provided without charge. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(3)(e). If a fee waiver is not available, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200.

¹ 2015 Wis. Act 55 at 136; 2017 Wis. Act 59 at 79.

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Please respond to this request as soon as practicable and without delay, as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(a), either by producing the requested records or providing a written determination regarding your determination to deny the request. If possible, please email the records to me at dstevens@campaignforaccountability.org. If the records are mailed, please send them to: Campaign for Accountability, 611 Pennsylvania Avenue SE, #337, Washington, DC 20003.

If you are unable to meet this statutory mandate, foresee any problems in releasing the requested records in whole or in part, or have any questions about this request, please contact me at 202-780-5750. Finally, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable the Department of Health Services to process it. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan E Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Stevens
Executive Director